

Notes

Messaging and Server CoIN Discussion

Date: May 16, 2006

Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Location: Commonwealth Auditorium, 4th Floor,

Richmond Plaza Building

110 South 7th St.

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Meeting called by:

Messaging and Server Task Force Teams

Donald F. Drew (Service Delivery Manager – Messaging & Server)

Attendance (45):

Atkinson, Ted; Barden, Lee; Bowers, Martin; Brandenburg, Eric; Breitzmann, Jennifer; Brush, Josh; Byrne, Don; Coston, Will; Delucia, Mike; Diveley, John; Drew, Donald; Elliott, Bret; Esposito, John; Groit, Tom; Guffy, Kevin; Hansen, Jeff; Hudson, Wendy; Hunter, Alvin; Johnston, John; Khan, Tariq; Kelley, Kevin; Kirkland, Rod; Kniceley, Wayne; Kunkel, John; Lawrence, Barbara; McCloskey, Joe; McHugh, John; Moore, Ron; Morrison, Debi; Nicholl, Chris; Norwine, Don; Partizow, Jim; Peters, Jim; Piatt, John; Powell, W. C.; Rhodes, Sue; Rodriguez, Edwin; Sedillo, Ed; Sims, Tripp; Stone, Jamey; Trumond, Jay; Tweedy, Charles; Wilson, Alan; Wolf, Daniel; Wright, Jennifer

Key Discussion Points:

Directory Synchronization Approach

- Short Term Goals/Requirements – Single directory of all users with email addresses is a key requirement for the contract.
- Long Term Goals/Requirements
- Required Attributes
- Display Name Generation – one standard will be created.
- UniqueID / userid – centralized directory.
- Unique Name Resolution
- Optional Attributes
- Next Steps

Server Optimization via Virtualization

- The IT Consolidation Journey
- What is Virtualization? – Is virtualization being used out there at your agency?
- Virtualization Basics
- VMware ESX Server
- Centralized Management
- Instant Provisioning – unique way of provisioning.
- VMotion – Zero Downtime Rehosting!

- Getting From “Here” to “There” – long term, phased manner.
- IT Consolidation Methodology – overall, repeatable technology.

Future Topics?

- E-mail suggestions for future topics

Issues/Questions:

1. Is there going to be a delegated directory? What value will be used for employee IDs?

Summary Answer. Yes, with different variations. We can't go into this now. We are expecting additional growth within the commonwealth and federal areas that could play a role in any final directory decisions. No social security number will be used; ID will be generated with a combination of letters and numbers. It won't need to be changed.

2. Wage employees and contractors are not part of PMIS. What will be done about that?

Summary Answer. This is part of the longer term goal we discussed. The agenda directory will be from the originating source for all the records.

3. We have unique attributes that are used without our email systems. How will that be handled?

Summary Answer. The unique attributes within the email system will be handled on a case-by-case basis. We will sit down with you individually to determine what is needed.

4. Within the topic of Virtualization. Will there be an allocation of another host in the event of downtime?

Summary Answer. Yes, if there is unplanned downtime due to a hardware failure, there would be an allocation of another host. This would not occur for downtime due planned system maintenance. Not all servers will be virtualized. All environments will be reviewed for their suitability for Virtualization.

5. How will cost accounting happen? How will this be dealt with?

Summary Answer. It will be provided the same way it is today. The model won't be changing just because the host system changes.

Action List:

- Minutes to be posted; distribution per VITA website.
- E-mail additional questions for next CoIN.
- Next meeting: June 20, 2006

Reminder - VITA/NG CoINs are open meetings so please feel free to attend!